GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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MENACE OF TOUTS
Murmu Shri Hemlal

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have taken note of the news item under caption ``Nai Delhi Railway Station Sey Ticket Ka Dalal Giraftar``, as reported in Dainik Jagran dated 3rd October, 2008.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is no provision under various sections of the Railways Act to punish the touts/agents involved in black-marketing of railway tickets and bogus ticket reservation; and

(d) if so, the details of the steps taken by the Railways to apprehend and punish the agents/staff involved in black-marketing of railway tickets and bogus ticket reservation in each Railway Division in the country during the last three years and in the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(DR. R. VELU)

(a): No, Sir. No ticket dalal was arrested on 1.10.2008 and 2.10.2008.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): Touts and agents involved in black-marketing of railway tickets are dealt with under Section 143 of the Railways Act 1989.

(d): Regular and preventive checks are conducted in and around railway reservation offices to curb the illegal activities of touts and other anti-social elements.Surveillance and monitoring at reservation offices is also stepped up during peak rush periods.In addition, travelling public are educated through various media to desist from procuring tickets from unauthorized people. Touts so apprehended are taken up as per provisions of law. Railway staff, if found conniving with touts are taken up under Discipline & Appeal Rules. However, Division-wise figures are not maintained.